

**House File 2516 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain elections in disaster-affected  
2 counties and cities and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 39.2A Special elections — natural  
2 disaster area — cities and counties.

3 1. Notwithstanding section 39.2, subsection 4, or any other  
4 provision of law to the contrary, a county or a city that  
5 is located in whole or in part in an area that the governor  
6 proclaimed a disaster emergency or the president of the United  
7 States declared a major disaster, may hold an election required  
8 or authorized by law on any date designated by resolution  
9 of the county board of supervisors or the city council, as  
10 applicable. However, this section shall not be construed to  
11 exempt a county or city from any restriction relating to the  
12 date of a subsequent election held for the resubmission of a  
13 failed proposition to the electors.

14 2. This section shall only apply to an election on a  
15 proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds or other debt  
16 obligations of the county or city, a proposition relating  
17 to the imposition of a property tax levy, or a proposition  
18 relating to a change in the rate of an existing property tax  
19 levy, which election is conducted within five years following  
20 the proclamation of the governor or the declaration of the  
21 president of the United States, whichever is later.

22 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
23 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill creates new Code section 39.2A. The new Code  
26 section authorizes a county or a city that is located in whole  
27 or in part in an area that the governor proclaimed a disaster  
28 emergency or the president of the United States declared a  
29 major disaster, to hold an election required or authorized by  
30 law on any date designated by resolution of the county board  
31 of supervisors or the city council, as applicable. The bill  
32 provides, however, that new Code section 39.2A shall not be  
33 construed to exempt a county or city from any restriction  
34 relating to the date of an election held for the resubmission  
35 of a failed proposition to the electors.

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1 The bill only applies to elections on propositions to  
2 authorize an issuance of bonds or other debt obligations of  
3 the county or city, propositions relating to the imposition  
4 of a property tax levy, and propositions relating to a change  
5 in the rate of an existing property tax levy, which elections  
6 are conducted within five years following the proclamation of  
7 the governor or the declaration of the president of the United  
8 States, whichever is later.

9 The bill takes effect upon enactment.